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At 11 A.M. on 19 June, the Gesundbrunnen area on the Berlin sector boundary was sealed off by about 12 T-34 tanks.

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At 4 P.M. on 20 June, individual persons were observed crossing the Glienicke bridge toward Potsdam. Small demonstrations continued after the curfew. KVP troops were quartered at the Unteroffizierschule, Garde du Corps Kaserne, and the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne in Potsdam. Soviet motorized rifle units were assembled in the Koenigswald Forest, at the Doeberitz troop training grounds the Bornim target range, and at Villa Ingenheim in Potsdam. Soviet troops and Volkspolizei occupied all municipal installations in Potsdam.

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The strike on 16 June had been set off by speeches of the leaders of the East Berlin Betriebsgruppen (factory councils) on 15 June. On 18 June, workers at a construction site in Potsdam received orders to strike by unidentified civilians riding in a sedan

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Prior to 3 P.M. on 20 June, numerous T-34 tanks, armored personnel carriers, AT guns, mortars, and trucks were emplaced on streets at a right angle north of Zimmerstrasse and to the east as far as the Spree River. Soviet and KVP officers together with workmen were engaged in stringing overhead cables at the intersection of Zimmer Strasse and Friedrich Strasse and at the intersection of Markgrafen Strasse and Kommandanten Strasse. Some telephone poles were newly erected. It was believed that searchlights would be emplaced.

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By order of the Ministry of Interior to the State Secretariat for Shipping, all construction material shipments to the Ruegenhafen were to be discontinued on and after 16 June. It was also ordered that all documents concerning the Ruegenhafen construction project were to be destroyed by 16 June.

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